GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION OF GRAINS
ANANDRAO ADSUL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received bids from the MNCs for the project for bulkgrain handling storage and transporation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for inviting the private companies in this venture; and

(c) to what extent if will help the country`s food scenario?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No Sir. However, M/S RITES on behalf of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) have invited Request-for-Qualification (RFQ) for creation of bulk handling, storage and transportation facilities at identified locations in the country. 11 companies including Multi National Companies (MNCs) have sent there RFQ.

(b)&(c): The following companies have submitted the RFQ:

1. M/S Karan Singh Binayak

2. Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., ASC Material Handling Ltd.

3. Adani Exports Ltd., Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Adani Port Ltd

4. Reliance Industries Ltd, Reliance Petroleum Ltd

5. Central Warehousing Corporation, Navayuga Infrastructure Corporation Pvt. Ltd., L&T-ECC, Cimbna
6. United Builders, SK Oil, Shapoorji Pollanji & Co Ltd.

7 Jagson International Ltd, Gammon India Ltd, Tittagarh Wagons Ltd.

8. Aban Lloyd Chiles Offshore Ltd., Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd., SICAL, Global Industries.

9. Escorts Ltd, CMC Engineering & Management Ltd
10. Container Corporation of India Ltd
11. Cargill Incorproated USA, Cargill India Ltd, Punjab Markfed.

The Government has announced a National policy on handling, storage and transportationof foodgrains in order to harness the efforts and resources of public and private sectors, both domestic and foreign, to develop and operate integrated infrastructure in bulk handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains. It will reduce storage and transit losses and modernise the system of handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains.